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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was fully steady to firm. Demand light to instances moderate consisting mostly of distributive interest. Offerings short to light. Trading slow for current shipments, moderate for deferred. Frozen commodity hens traded with an 84 cent price ceiling for September shipments. Bulk parts, meat and rib breast market tone continued steady to firm. Trading was active on white meat, balance slow to moderate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow to moderate. Demand light to instances moderate. Some buyers cautious while they wait for final AI test results for Michigan swans. Offerings short to light and mostly held with confidence.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 17, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-79	-	-	-	85.00	40	SEP	-	-
					86.00	40	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	78-80.5	80.5	80.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	78-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	78-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	77	77.00	12	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	77.00	77.80**	75.90**
CENTRAL REGION	78.60**	77.82	75.50
WESTERN REGION	78.90**	77.00**	75.70**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	80.50	78.67	74.50**
CENTRAL REGION	77.00	77.82	74.00**
WESTERN REGION	82.00	77.00**	74.50**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	78-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	78-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-85

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	112-120

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of August 21, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	89.55	385,000
16-24 lbs.	87.86	35,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

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Total Volume:              435,000

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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 12-Aug-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	BANDED	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
North East	676	-12	23.49	(A)	677	23.49
South Atlantic	861	8	31.31	(A)	861	31.31
North Central	2,224	2	30.50	(A)	2,224	30.50
South Central	684	-5	17.75	(A)	684	17.75
West	289	-11	24.20	(A)	289	24.20
U.S. total	4,734(B)	-1	27.42	1	4,735	27.42
To-date						
2006	143,314(B)			154	143,468	
To-date						
2005	137,706(B)			121	137,827	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000; for the current year to date 782,000; for last year to date 763,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

July	433,245*
August 1 - 12, 2006	187,001*

To date 2006	3,219,249*
To date 2005	3,165,651*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
		<u>Thousands</u>			
W/E 12-Aug-2006					
Head	1,850	2,850	34	1	4,735
Avg Wt	16.06	34.84	23.62	29.26	27.42
Last week	1,975	2,769	36	2	4,782
Same wk yr ago	2,000	2,603	37	3	4,643
Avg Wt	16.20	35.36	24.24	25.53	27.01
To-date/2006	61,263	81,269	782	154	143,468
To-date/2005	55,206	81,737	763	121	137,827

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT.** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 AUGUST 2006.

The market tone on white meat was mostly fully steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Inquiry was noted from Canada. Even though some further processors were starting to note price resistance on cooked and deli items due to the higher trending prices, other further processors were starting to adjust their plant schedules in anticipation of the upcoming holiday weekend. Offerings short to instances light. Trading was active on white meat, balance slow. For domestic: breeder necks 25, Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts 123 cents delivered October. For export: Russian frozen thigh meat 103 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	119.00		119.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	114.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00		38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	37.00		37.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	35.34	47
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	45.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	42.00		42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	48.00		48.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	106.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	29.77	52
NECKS, HEN		T	27.96	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	250.00		250.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	293.00-300.00		295.38	420
THIGH MEAT	80.00		80.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	78.16	190
BREAST TRIM MEAT	134.00		134.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	131.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	190.00	25
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	211.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	280.00		280.00	36
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	98.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	23.24	234
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	34.00		34.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	46.00		46.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	47.00	208
TAILS		F	28.50	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	79.21	132

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to firm. Demand light to good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings short to light and held with confidence. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to firm for the light to moderate inquiry. Offerings short to light. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to instances fully steady. Demand light to moderate for the tight to adequate offerings. Trading was active on white meat, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: breeder wings 41, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 135 and 12-16 lb. breasts 180, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 109-112, fresh breast trim 134-140 cents delivered. For export: tom defatted gizzards 63 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	119.00		119.00	40	119.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	10	158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	112.00		112.00	16	112.00	16
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	40	37.09	161
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	36.00-43.00		38.02	57	37.60	97
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	35.00		35.00	40	35.18	87
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	50.00		50.00	40	47.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	42.00	40	40.82	66
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	48.00	20	51.14	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	106.00	40	106.00	40
NECKS, TOM	28.00-31.00		29.38	106	29.20	198
NECKS, HEN		T	27.96	25	27.96	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	250.00	80	243.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	303.00-319.00		307.56	360	294.55	1,168
THIGH MEAT		R	80.00	40	80.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	80.00-83.00		81.50	6	81.50	6
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	134.00	40	134.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	135.00		135.00	40	132.33	120
TENDERLOINS		F	190.00	25		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	211.00	40	211.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	98.00	120	98.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	290.00		290.00	36	272.27	220
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	40	21.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00-25.00		23.31	74	23.26	308
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.50		36.50	260	35.51	528
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	46.00	20	46.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	47.00	208		
TAILS		F	28.50	104		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00-25.00		21.25	160	21.25	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	79.21	132		

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